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Sequel to Dumb and Dumber falls short of predecessor's standard;
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City ordinance to limit guests

By Scott Niles
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Bowling Green City Council is considering an ordinance that would limit the number of guests allowed in homes across the city.

Ordinance 7126, which received its second reading at Monday's meeting, proposes a safety issue that would allow only eight occupants per bedroom if a living unit only has one exit.

Stan Bortel, a member of city council from Ward 4, said he proposed the ordinance to make liv-

ing situations in Bowling Green safer for everyone.

"I was riding around with the police a couple weeks ago, and we stopped into an apartment building on Thurston somewhere, and it was so packed you could barely get through the hallway," Bortel said. "This is not an issue about drinking or partying or underage consumption. This is simply a safety issue."

"For example, say there is an apartment building with four floors and three bedrooms in

each apartment," Bortel said. "According to my ordinance there could be a maximum of 96 people on that floor, and after talking to a building inspector he said that the maximum number on a floor according to the building code is 99."

Bortel asked, "When does an apartment become a place of assembly?"

It is a living unit, he said, adding that there is no reason why people should rely on them as gathering spots.

One member of city council, Patrick Ng of ward 2, opposes the ordinance.

Ng said a person's apartment or home is their own living area, and they should be allowed to have as many guests as they would like.

"Your home is your castle, and you should be able to control it," Ng said. "If you are paying for an apartment or a house, it is yours, and you should be allowed to do with it as you please."

Ng feels that, because this pro-

positional mainly effects apartments and rental companies, it seems to be targeted at students.

One reason that the ordinance applies mostly to rental companies and single living units is that if buildings have two exits — usually houses — a person is permitted to have as many guests as they feel fit.

"This is unfair to the student population," Ng said. "This ordinance should apply to everyone if anything."

However, Ng does not like the

idea of having an ordinance at all.

"There has not been a fire in Bowling Green that has been caused by overcrowding," Ng said.

A public hearing will be held on July 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the city municipal building, along with another to be held late September. Students and anyone else are welcome to attend either hearing.

Governing a state

Boys State creates mock government

By Dmitri Bulgakov
REPORTER

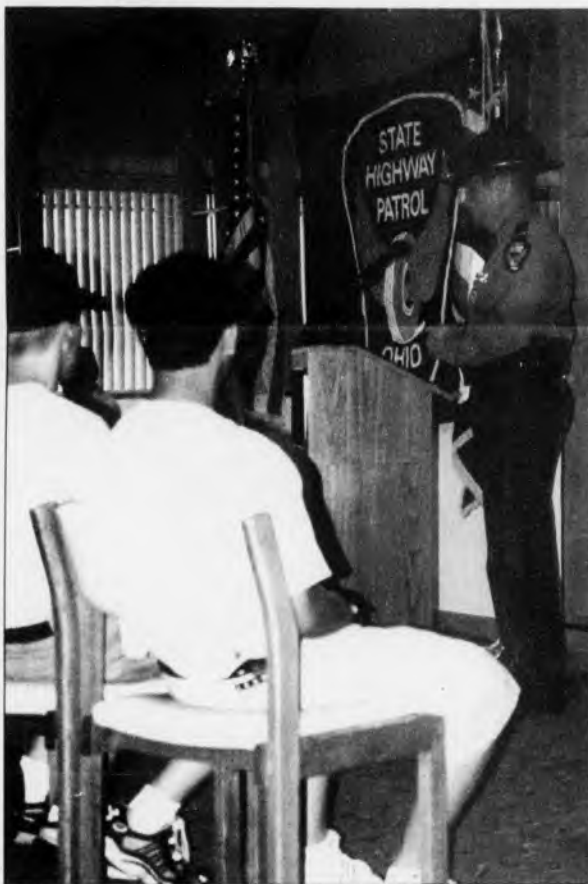
On Monday night when all votes were counted, Bready Vanderhide, a federalist, was elected governor of the Buckeye Boys State and Bryan Zivich lieutenant governor.

Buckeye Boys State, with a population of around 1,400 boys, is divided into two imaginary political parties — the Federalist and Nationalist. The affiliation of all citizens is decided upon coin toss, conducted Saturday. However it is possible to change the party.

"We learned a lot about the governmental process, election, functionality of the different offices," Paul Portor, from Mt. Giload, said. "How actual elections work, campaigning, learn everything, leading up to getting a political office at this time and then we learn more... later in the week, when we assume the jobs."

Portor was first running for the supreme court chief justice position, but was defeated in the primary. Now he is going to be a tax commissioner for Boys State in the Federalists government cabinet. "Kind of a change of pace from the judge to the tax commissioner," Portor shrugs. "But you do what you do, that is how government is."

Buckeye Boys State is supposed to get as close to the real American government as possible. Everyone at the event pays their taxes and buys their houses and they all have jobs, Buckeye Boys State does not



Eric Fernel BG News

LECTURING: Col. Paul McClellan, superintendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, addresses the Buckeye Boys State graduate troopers.

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BG NEWS BRIEFING

Former BG News editor-in-chief passes away

A past BG News editor-in-chief left two daughters and a husband when she died Saturday. Carolyn Van Schaik, 41, was driving to her parents' house for their 50th wedding anniversary when she was hit by another vehicle.

"According to the Ohio State Highway Patrol, Van Schaik was driving with her two adopted

daughters in Bellefontaine, Ohio, when her car was hit in an intersection on the passenger side by a Lakeview, Ohio, woman," as written in the Niagara Gazette.

Van Schaik, a graduate of BGSU, was the editor of The BG News in the fall of 1984. She held various positions up until she became editor. After graduating from the University in 1985 with a bachelor's in journalism she went on to earn her law degree from the University of Dayton. She was also a native of Dayton, Ohio.

"I will always remember Carolyn as someone who had such a great passion for what she did," Bob Bortel, director of student publications, said. "She led The News with such enthusiasm, and it is obvious that she carried that passion forward in her career."

Van Schaik was one of the first student editors that Bortel advised at The BG News.

"You could always count on Carolyn to overcome any obstacle or issue with her great work ethic and a no-nonsense approach," Bortel said. "Blend that in with her great sense of humor, and she was easy to work with."

Erin Esmont also worked with Van Schaik on staff at the paper. "She had passion when she worked at The BG News. She was very respectful and open to others' ideas," she said. "I had a lot of fun working with her. I think people gravitated toward her smile and personality."



Carolyn VanSchaik Photo Provided

"Respect for your roommate is a big key when living with someone else."

LINDA NEWMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF RESIDENCE LIFE

Overnight guest policy questioned

By Scott Niles
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

According to the University student handbook, there are 24-hour visitation rights, but this policy has a catch to it that the Student Affairs Advisory Board hopes to change.

The 24-hour visitation rule states that you may have guests at any time and that people of the opposite gender cannot spend the night.

A member of the Student Affairs Advisory Board proposed a change to this policy, which will be considered for the 2004-05 school year.

The proposal that is under consideration states that anyone would be allowed to spend the night in the residence halls, regardless of gender.

The earliest that this proposal

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Ten faculty up for emeritus title

By Dmitri Bulgakov
REPORTER

This year 10 retiring faculty members are being nominated for emeritus status — an award recognizing distinguished service and achievements of faculty members.

However, the new status of the retirees does not mean that they are out of the University. Lots of emeritus professors keep helping and contributing to the University.

"You might think of examples of emeritus faculty members who continue to contribute to the university," said Timothy Pogacar, chairman of the Department of German, Russian and East Asian Languages. "Excellent examples are Stuart

Givens, History and Michael Doherty, Sociology. I know myself that Stuart Givens has been very active in the important Arts and Sciences honorary society, Phi Beta Kappa."

However, for many recommendation comes when they are finishing their teaching career. One such nominee is Charles Holland, Distinguished Research Professor from the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. Holland retired at the end of last semester.

The emeritus professors are still members of the academic community and obtain benefits. According to Pogacar, the privi-

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EMERITUS FACULTY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2002-03

ALICE CALDERONELLO, Professor, English.

CHRISTOPHER GEIST, Professor, Popular Culture

DAWN GLANZ, Associate Professor, Art

JOSEPH GRAY, Associate Professor, German, Russian, East Asian

JOHN HAYDEN, Professor, Mathematics and Statistics

W. CHARLES HOLLAND, Distinguished Research Professor, Math/Statistics

ANDREAS POULIMENOS, Professor, Music Performance Studies

DONALD SCHERER, Professor, Philosophy

LARRY SMITH, Professor, English

JONG SIK YOON, Professor, Biological Sciences

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Sunny

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Low: 51°

SATURDAY



Sunny

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Low: 58°

SUNDAY



Sunny

High: 83°
Low: 64°

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Policy would respect rights of roommates

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could be passed and instated would be for the 2004-2005 academic year, due to the process that proposals must go through.

Linda Newman, executive director of residence life, said there are certain procedures that go into passing a proposal, which may take some time.

Part of the reason that the handbook, as it currently is, seems to be contradictory is due to the fact that the University has co-ed residence halls.

"If you want one of your friends to come down the hall at night for a cup of coffee, that is no problem," Newman said. "But it's a little harder if you want someone of the opposite gender to come over

from another building according to the policy now."

It's hard when you have both sexes living on the same floor, Newman said.

If this new policy does pass then there will be some other factors associated with it that will be considered.

One of these would be the consideration of the roommate, which would have to be added to the policy.

The proposal would have to make some kind of amendment allowing the person's roommate to agree or object to letting an overnight guest of the opposite sex spend the night.

"Some roommates are shy and might feel timid about getting up to use the bathroom or get ready

for class with someone of the opposite sex in the bed across the room," Newman said.

She said there would be no problem if the person treats their roommate with respect.

"Respect for your roommate is a big key with living with someone else," Newman said.

The other issue that would be associated with the proposal would be the community bathrooms.

Newman said people of the opposite sex should still have to go to the other hallway to use the bathroom that fits their gender.

The new proposal will have to go through residence life and other committees before it would even be considered.

Independent media flock to University

By Chuck Soder
MANAGING EDITOR

Even independent people need others every now and then — that's what the Allied Media Conference is for.

The fifth-annual event drew over 700 people working and interested in independent media to Olscamp Hall this weekend.

Bringing together those who work with independent media — be it magazines, radio, film or whatever — means bringing together people with similar goals who might not have met otherwise, due to the small size of most independent media outlets, according to organizer Jen Angel.

"There may be someone a hundred miles away doing the same thing, facing the same problems," she said. "We basically share knowledge with each

other."

Angel, 29, has already spent over a decade in the field. In 2000 she co-founded Clamor Magazine, a Bowling Green-based publication meant to "fill the voids left by mainstream media," according to clamormagazine.org. As a teenager she published her first independent magazine in 1991.

The event's presentations and displays were anything but dull, according to Julie Schapiro, who gave a seminar titled "Living Radio: the Art of Documentary Audio."

"A keyword is energy," Schapiro said. "It's graphic, it's visual."

Though everyone at the three-day conference represented some form of independent media, their goals were often different, according to Angel.

She learned this while sitting alongside the founder of Fierce Magazine in a panel discussion.

The woman who founded Fierce, an Atlanta-based magazine for women, had much more epic goals for her magazine than Angel has for Clamor.

"She wants 500,000 subscribers in five years," she said.

Angel doesn't set such goals for Clamor, which has about 10,000 subscribers. Clamor's audience will probably never get that big, she said.

"We want people to come to us."

Angel, an Ohio State University graduate, co-founded Clamor alongside Jason Kucsma, who earned his Master's degree in American Culture Studies at BGSU.

Emeritus faculty enjoy privileges

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leges are not listed in detail but they are broad.

"Departments try to give emeritus faculty members as many privileges as continuing faculty members have," he said.

But before being nominated each of the 10 faculty had to be recommended by their department.

"If an academic unit does not make a recommendation to the

dean, who recommends to the provost, and then to the Board of Trustees, emeritus status may not be awarded," Pogacar said. "So it is not automatic, though other ways to nominate do exist. A department recommendation explains to the dean how a particular faculty member has distinguished himself or herself and deserves emeritus status."

Pogacar has been part of the process the process — he nominated Joseph Gray, associate pro-

fessor of German.

According to the Academic Charter, the University Committee on Honorary Degrees and Commemoratives examines the list of the nominations, and then recommends to the vice president for academic affairs. Then the recommendation is transmitted to the President for approval. The Board of Trustees then officially dubs faculty with the title "emeritus."

BG NEWS BRIEFING

Wood County District Library re-opens

The Wood County District Public Library re-opened June 14 at its old location at 251 N. Main St.

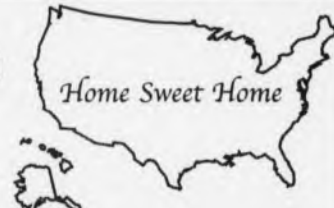
The two-story, 50,000 square-foot building cost \$5.7

million. Most of the funds were provided by the passage of a \$5 million bond issue. The rest was raised through donations.

The original building at the location was built in 1974. Since then, the number of library card holders increased

from 4,055 to 36,000, according to the library's official Web site. Aside from the increase in patrons, the library also expanded its selection of books and other items, such as computers, CDs, magazines and books on tape.

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A former Columbine High School art teacher, Barbara Hirokawa, is coming to the Little Theatre at the Toledo Museum of Art today. She will be there at 1 p.m. Her presentation is part of the Arts Unlimited Basic Workshop. Hirokawa taught at Columbine High School for 28 years.

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THE WEEK

get a life

The calendar of events is taken from
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Wednesday

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Picnic in the Pub

Sponsored by the Bowen-Thompson Student Union Dining Services.

Black Swamp Pub, Bowen-Thompson Student Union

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

How 2: Trip Planning. How To Workshops.

Sponsored by the Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Call the Information Center at 2-2741 to register for classes.

Union 316, Alumni Meeting Room

Thursday

8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

New Talent: the Freshman Art Scholarship Awards

Bowen-Thompson Student Union Galleries

6:30 p.m.

Columbus Alumni Chapter Beer Tasting with Gordon Biersch

Cost is \$13 per person, payable prior to the event date. Price includes hors d'oeuvres, 6 oz samples of 5 different beers, a tour and educational debrief by the brewmaster himself. If you would like to reserve your space at this event, please email Roberta Stewart today at rstewart@columbuscb.org. All orders are due by Monday June 16th. Questions? call Roberta at 614.222.6110. Make checks payable to BGSU Alumni Association.

Columbus, Ohio

6:30 p.m.

Summit/Medina Chapter Pinnacle Event

Join the Summit/Medina Chapter for dinner and cash bar at The Hilton. Special guest speaker, College of Technology Dean Ernie Savage, will comment on the Electric Vehicle Institute and the Electric Falcon race car. Cost is \$20 per person. RSVP to the Office of Alumni Affairs by June 16.

The Hilton, 3180 West Market Street, Akron, Ohio

8 p.m.

Summer Music Institute: Chamber Orchestra Recital

Part of the Summer Music Institute, a summer program for talented high school and junior high school students. Free and open to the public.

Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center

Friday

8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

New Talent: the Freshman Art Scholarship Awards

Bowen-Thompson Student Union Galleries

11 a.m.

Summer Music Institute: Chamber Orchestra Concert

Part of the Summer Music Institute, a summer program for talented high school and junior high school students. Free and open to the public.

Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center

11 a.m.

Summer Music Institute:**Chamber Orchestra Concert**

Part of the Summer Music Institute, a summer program for talented high school and junior high school students. Free and open to the public.

Choral Rehearsal Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center

4 p.m.

Summer Music Institute: Jazz Camp Finale Concert

Part of the Summer Music Institute, a summer program for talented high school and junior high school students. Free and open to the public.

Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center

Saturday

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

New Talent: the Freshman Art Scholarship Awards

Bowen-Thompson Student Union Galleries

1:30 p.m.

Summer Music Institute: String Orchestra Camp Finale Concert

Part of the Summer Music Institute, a summer program for talented high school and junior high school students. Free and open to the public.

Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center

Sunday

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

New Talent: the Freshman Art Scholarship Awards

Bowen-Thompson Student Union Galleries



Eric Fertel BG News

BOYS STATE ACTION: Above, Col. Paul McClellan lectures a group of Boys Staters. Below, a bank customer deals with bankers, from left to right, Nick Deamons, Duane Price, Phil Comley and Adam Wade.

Boys Staters play roles of police, bankers, etc.

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have unemployment, but people get different wages depending on the job they are doing. Everyone is paid in Boys State money.

"I do not think it is a game here, this is real life," said James Exline public relations director of Buckeye Boys State. "We try to teach them as close to real life as possible, how it is supposed to run, the right way. Now they pay taxes on their beds, just as you pay for your house, they have to get drivers licenses. If they are over two hundred pounds, they get truck licenses."

Citizens of Boys State don't just sit and listen to lectures. They work. The governor runs a state, the mayors have city problems.

According to Exline, problems are set before the state and the cities to work out. Students must meet a budget, too.

"You have city mayors, you have county commissioners, you

have policy chiefs," Exline said. "We have a bank, where young men can learn banking if they want to. We have a newspaper, we have 32 young men work on that paper. We have a band, and it really rocks the arena at times. Those young men meet at five o'clock on Saturday evening. At eight they play at the assembly program, and you (would) never know that they have never been together. And as the week goes on they play better."

"I am enjoying it so far. It is a good experience, meet new people, learn a lot," said Collin Shammoo from Port Clinton and who is in Coffey City of Welsh County at Boys State. "My brother came here about four years ago. He told me it was a blast, a good time, lots of fun and a good experience." Shammoo was elected to the Boys State House of Representatives.

"We learned about party structure and how parties work

together," Tim Krick from Upper Sandusky said. "[Federalists and Nationalists] have state party conventions where the delegates work on the platform, and that was an interesting debate."

The participants are drawn here from all over Ohio. The high schools recommend young men that have excelled in school, then those recommended are interviewed by the American legion posts in their areas. The boys pay nothing — everything is financed by the legion posts. It costs \$265 per boy to come up here.

"American legion guys, say five of them, would come into your school, pull you out of your class, ask you serious questions," said Porter, a federalist at Buckeye Boys State. "They would decide on the group of applicants from your school who would get to go or not. It is kind of a 'cream of the crop.'"

EASY RIDERS



Ashley Digby BG News

HEAVEN'S ANGELS: The Sheriff Department's Jail House Rock Charity Ride was held Saturday at the Wood County Fairgrounds. The bikers raised money for the Multiple Sclerosis society and the Wood County Junior Fair Board.

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OPINION

Proposed ordinance is unreasonable

It's bad enough that our parents tell us what we can do when we are young, now members of Bowling Green City Council are trying to be overprotective and tell us how many people we can have in our places. Their rationale is that a crowded residence would make escape difficult in a fire.

I'm sure everyone remembers their parents saying "you can't do that" or "you better do this," and there was no choice but to listen.

Now city council is trying to pass an ordinance limiting the number of guests someone can have according to how many bedrooms there are in a residence.

What kind of idea is that? We live in a college town and there are graduations that go on all the time. What about family that wants to come up for a graduation party? Who is going to only let eight people come in at once and have a line of aunts and

uncles waiting outside? Parties are also going to suffer — we are going to have to line up outside apartment doors just to go to parties.

Safety is a good thing, but at what price? People shouldn't toss everything out the window just for a miniscule gain in safety.

If landlords wanted to limit the number of guests in their apartments for liability's sake, that's fine. After all, they must protect their property. But if people are

paying to rent these places, the city should have no say in how. After all, to put oneself at risk (a minimal risk) is one's own decision.

Overcrowding is an issue, but there have not been fatalities in Bowling Green due to overcrowding during a fire in recent history. Overcrowding hasn't recently caused fatalities outside of Rhode Island. Unlike that situation, most homes don't have pyrotechnics.

It would be very hard to enforce this policy as well. The police won't probably write too many fines to those hosting just over eight people in their place because noticing such a small group would be difficult.

Besides, some rental companies already state in their leases that there is a maximum occupancy for their places. Though those rules aren't always enforced, there doesn't need to be a city ordinance on top of

them. If rental companies want to limit the number of people, they can do that, because it's their property.

But if the rental companies are okay with residents throwing a party, and if the "crowd" isn't hurting anyone, breaking anything or causing a ruckus, then leave them alone. Let them worry about safety for themselves.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

New ordinance is a lost cause

Usually when legislators create laws that infringe on our personal freedoms and liberties, they must have a justification based on strong perceived threats. Bowling Green councilman Stan Bortel claims that overcrowding in rental units presents such a terrible risk to the general public due to fire safety concerns that Bowling Green citizens should face strict limits on how many people they are allowed to have in their rental units.

As far as anyone can tell, throughout the history of Bowling Green, zero lives would

have been saved if Bortel's occupancy limits would have been in place. The recent tragedy on North Grove would not have been averted with this new ordinance as they were well within Bortel's limit. The fire tragedy on the Ohio State campus would not have been averted either because they were well within Bortel's limits. In short, this ordinance is not needed!

Any potential benefit of the ordinance is strongly outweighed by the impositions of the rights of citizens. For example, one recent BGSU graduate told me that her graduation party would have been in violation of this proposed ordinance because her parents, grandparents, and aunts and uncles came to her single

bedroom apartment to eat cake after the BGSU ceremony.

Unfortunately, we can't legislate away all fire disasters. Recent tragedies here and throughout the country suggest that we need to be vigilant in terms of prevention, fire safety education, and ready response programs. This ordinance, however, most likely would not save any lives. Bortel's ordinance is an unnecessary government intrusion into our personal living space.

MIKE ZICKAR
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF
PSYCHOLOGY

Common sense is the answer



KEITH J. POWELL

Columnist

There have been many times in recent years and months that American foreign policy has demonstrated a dangerous lack of long term planning. Like a child who eats all of his Halloween candy at once and then becomes confused as to why he has a stomachache, repeatedly the powers that be have made decisions that are only in their short term interest and result in even larger problems several years down the road. When the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan it was the United States that stepped in to arm and train the people who would eventually become the Taliban. It was the United States who supported and armed Saddam during the Iraq-Iran war. The list goes on and unfortunately will most assuredly continue to grow.

How is it that these shortsighted people are continually placed in a position of power? No single administration is any more or less guilty of this conduct than any other administration; rather this poor vision extends past the partisan lines and into the minds of the American voters. That's right, it is the shortsightedness of the voting public that continually allows such events to occur and this applies not just to foreign policy but to domestic policy as well, particularly in regards to the recently passed tax cut for

the wealthy that masquerades as part of an economic relief effort. While it is tempting to get excited over the possibility of lower taxes one must keep in mind the big picture, and the big picture says that nothing is free.

Syndicated columnists Thomas Friedman perhaps put it best in his June 11 column, "When you shrink government, what you do, over time, is shrink the services provided by federal, state and local governments to the vast American middle class. I would suggest that henceforth Democrats simply ask voters to substitute the word 'service' for the word 'taxes' every time they hear President Bush speak." Indeed, Friedman quite succinctly sums up when many Americans seem to fail to understand by cutting taxes the government is limiting its intake of revenue and thus limiting the number of services the government is able to provide. With less money coming in there then becomes less money going out to places that desperately need it, places such as the individual states which are currently facing a financial crisis of mammoth proportions.

Undoubtedly the Bush administration is banking on the private sector being able to step in and fill the void left by the government, this too is a disastrous plan. In 2000, California opened up its power plants to the market, and rolled back regulations that had been providing the citizens of California with cheap electricity since the time of FDR.

Immediately a handful of companies, Enron among those, gobbled up the California power system and raised the price for a unit of power by 30,000 percent. The roaming blackouts that have since plagued the state are a direct result of this price gouging. The moral of this story is clear, business cannot be trusted to assume the duties of a government. A business has to answer to a profit margin; a government has to answer to the people.

In short, use common sense. The United States is currently in the process of spending billions of dollars in both Iraq and Afghanistan. In California, teachers are facing lay offs to combat the state's debt. In Kentucky, inmates are being released from prison early to combat that state's debt. Here in Ohio it has been estimated that the tax cut will actually cost the state \$152 million dollars. In the past two years 2.7 million people have lost their job in the United States. A similar tax cut was implemented two years ago and that plan failed to provide jobs or aid to the economy. With all of this in mind, does common sense say this is the right time to be cutting taxes? So when you get your pay check and there is a little something extra the question you need to ask yourself is how much is this going to cost me in the long run? When one thinks a little further down the road they will recognize that the price is just too high.

PEOPLE ON THE STREET

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Paddling for those who misuse cell phones



MATT SUSSMAN
Humor Columnist

I believe paddling students should be brought back as a legitimate form of discipline. I will explain this later.

What I do want to discuss are cell phones. Normally I don't just blatantly tell my readers the topic of my column. However, I felt it wouldn't hurt to do this just once to bring in some new unintelligent readers in hopes that they gradually pick up on my style of writing. Having said that, let us continue.

We have come a long way from the 80's, when cell phones, or "car phones," were the size of today's cordless phones with antennae the size of Yao Ming. As technology improves, cell phones have decreased in size and are commonly mistaken for Peanut M&Ms. Yes, one can be seen doing several things with his or her cellular phone: play games such as Tetris and Breakout, check e-mail, send pictures and text messages, download ring tones, and even update their fantasy baseball team. Occasionally you will also see them make a phone call with it.

If you know me (and if you don't, then you should), you would know I have several pet peeves. One of the pet peeves of my pet peeves is all of those different cell phone rings out there. However, it truly is sad when the works of our world's greatest composers such as Beethoven and Wagner have their signature symphonies simplified and condensed into blips and bleeps on some rich white girl's Nokia. A few years ago, when these innovative rings were released, we thought they were oh so cool. For example, if my friend's cell phone started to play the theme from "Rocky," even I would say, "Wow, that is oh so cool." I bet my friend would get quite irritated when his phone cranked out "Für Elise" every time somebody wanted to know where he was. As long as I am on this rant, I would contend that few people whose cell phone blasts "The Entertainer" actually know it's origin. And no, it's not Verizon Wireless. Not only are basic songs being downloaded, but also some higher quality songs are being transplanted into many high-tech cellular phones. Songs that top the Billboard from past and present are being downloaded

from the Internet onto several high priced phones. Now, another huge pet peeve of mine is the myriad of low-grade albums being currently released that the record companies pass off as "music." To me, the Grammys are no longer a "who's who" of music. Instead, it's the "Who? Who?" of music, and it doesn't even include The Who. At first I was appalled by the C-minus music being set as rings of some people's cell phones. Then I thought about it for a while, and it all made sense. Crappy music makes excellent cell phone rings.

Think about it. If you heard 50 Cent blaring out of your phone, you would drop a gallon of toxic waste and cart-wheel through a bed of hot coals and broken glass to answer the phone and stop the song. If my phone could play those fancy tunes, I would most likely download "Freebird" as my ring, and if somebody were to call me, I would want to listen to all nine minutes of the greatest song ever written. Halfway through the guitar solo, my friend will have hung up and made plans with my mortal enemies. Not like any of you care, but if and when I ever get such a phone, I plan to set the ring to "It's Been A While" by Staind or "Voodoo" by Godsmack.

Next, we need to begin to crack down on cell phones ringing during class. Without speaking to another student, I can safely assume that all people without cell phones cannot stand that forgetful soul who forgets to turn his phone from "Pop Goes the Weasel" to vibrate. Even if their ring is as banal as the theme from "60 Minutes," this can severely throw off several focused note-takers. In no way do cell phones help a student from afar, unless one is taking a history test and "I Am Henry VIII I Am" chimes out a phone. Therefore, I move that steps be taken to publicly paddle any student who forgets to shut their phone off or set it to vibrate on call, and the paddling will be done by whoever possesses the largest hands.

There are merely my humble views on types of cell phones I do not own. My cell phone just has a very unique ring tone. It goes like this: "Brring brring brring!" It's simply the beginning of "Time" by Pink Floyd, and it sounds like a regular phone. If you call me and I don't answer, you have every right to paddle me.

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The BG News finally has something for hip-hop fans. N.V.A., National Vinyl Association, has come out with one hot compilation you gotta cop.

Straight From the Crates Vol. 1 is a compilation that highlights underground lyrical masters.

Basically, the line-up consists of Rakaa and Babu of Dilated Peoples, Mos Def, Blackmoon, Saigon, Ras Kass featuring Scipio, Slum Village, Joey Zozza featuring Proof and Kon Artist of D12, Jon Notty featuring Joni Mitchell (yes, Joni!), The Pharcyde featuring Charli 2NA & Akil of Jurassic 5, Phil Da Agony, Grouch and Eligh, and the Korsican Brothers.

When it comes to hip-hop, I'm not the best person to ask what's good and what's not, but even I know this is a scorching combination of artists. Also great driving music, this CD is full of upbeat tempos, rhythms and rhymes.

Implementing a unique retail strategy, the singles from the N.V.A. will be distributed on vinyl format only upon their releases.

—Andrea Wilhelm

STEELY DAN
EVERYTHING MUST GO
Grade: C
Warner Bros. Records

It's Steely Dan time again folks. So soon you ask? While it may seem as if we were just whistling the tunes from Two Against Nature, it has actually been three years since their last release.

Two Against Nature, the duo's first album of new songs in twenty years won them four Grammy awards including Album of the Year. And now, with only three years after their success, Steely Dan gives us nine new tracks penned by Donald Fagan and Walter Becker, the men behind the name.

Will this album create as big a stir as their last release? It's hard to say. While Steely Dan has a large following and several faithful fans left over from the Seventies, it may not be enough to kick them up to Grammy-winning status.

The making of Everything Must Go consisted of the ensemble: Drummer Keith Carlock; keyboardists Ted Baker and Bill Charlap and guitarists Jon Herington and Hugh McCracken. Becker doubled on bass and guitar, as well as singing on one track and, along with Fagan's vocals the Steeliness was kept intact.

While it may cause me much hatred from Steely fans, I must say that they are just too elevator-musicy for my liking. The combination of blues, rock and jazz displays their talent as musicians with staying power, but I'd much rather be listening to something with a bit more omph.

—Andrea Wilhelm

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SHORTIE
WORTHLESS SMILE
Grade: A-
GoBig! Records

Not only have they shared the stage with such acts as Papa Roach, Limp Bizkit, Staind, Alien Ant Farm, Adema, Soul Fly, Saliva and Pressure 4-5, Shortie's musical style carries with it the maturity one wouldn't expect from a band whose members are all between the ages of 18 and 22.

Shortie are young and on their way to the top. With their unique trademark of aggressive, intense songs delivered with a fierce melodic vocal style, it is no wonder their tour supports read like an MTV playlist.

But don't stereotype these guys. They're no posers.

"A lot of people think we're rap metal 'cos of the name...then they go buy the CD. There's something on here for everyone: the hardcore kids can slam in the pit to the heavy stuff, the punk kids get into the uptempo songs and the girls like the melodies," says lead singer known only as Pogus.

Since arriving on the scene four years ago, they have been working hard to craft a sound to call their own, which is quite a feat with the current cookie-cutter rock scene.

Having sold over 7,000 copies of their previous Indie recording efforts, Shortie recorded their debut in 2002 on GoBig! Records, a new U.S.-based label notable for its production of Streetwise DVD music video magazine, which is crafted by the great producer who brought us Papa Roach, Weezer, Offspring and Staind.

Need one more reason to like them? They have a song named "David Bowie." That's reason enough for me to give them a chance.

—Andrea Wilhelm

'Dumberer' characters trapped by poor script

Despite critics' knee-jerk attack on the original "Dumb and Dumber," now, nearly 10 years later, the movie still stands tall as a '90s comedy classic. Its prequel, however, will probably be forgotten before it leaves theaters.

"Dumb and Dumberer: When Harry Met Lloyd" follows the incompetent duo through their first high school adventure. They become friends, fight over a woman and blindly stop the bad guy, all while tripping over themselves verbally and physically.

The movie has problems — characters mumble jokes as the scene cuts, the female lead is worthless, there's no one named "Sea Bass," it was released on Friday 13, etc. There are, however, a few good gags and two funny young actors.

Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels are gone but their replacements are adequate. Eric Christian Olsen becomes Carrey's Lloyd in both appearance and character. Derek Richardson does justice to Daniels' Harry, giving the character the same lovable, thick-skulled appeal.

The movie's funniest parts are when Harry and Lloyd play tag, suck down slushies and argue over nonsense.

Everything else is dumb. In the bad way.

Olsen and Richardson are trapped in a plot seemingly from an episode of Saved By the Bell. The writers made sure

the film wouldn't compare to its masterpiece predecessor, written and directed by the Farrelly brothers. Their brothers' absence is glaring.

For instance, the duo's stupidity is far overblown. In a Roxanne spoof, Lloyd is feeding Harry lines as he tries to woo the aforementioned worthless female. As Lloyd's attention drifts to disciplining a nearby dog, Harry repeats him still: "I could punch you in the face." He doesn't even stop there. Not even Harry is that stupid.

The plot is dumberer than anything else. The principal, played by Eugene Levy, creates a fake special needs class in order to steal government money. Harry and Lloyd, being dumb, recruit a class full of worthless characters.

I can't give away the ending — Levy does it himself when he says early in the film that he records his office conversations and puts the tapes (and other "secret" documents) in a chest that the viewer is supposed to forget about. I didn't forget.

But I'll forget everything about this movie eventually. Don't let Harry and Lloyd sell you this headless parrot.

Grade: C-

—Chuck Soder



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QUITE DUMB: Eric Christian Olsen as Lloyd and Derek Richardson as Harry in New Line Cinemas "Dumb and Dumberer: When Harry Met Lloyd."

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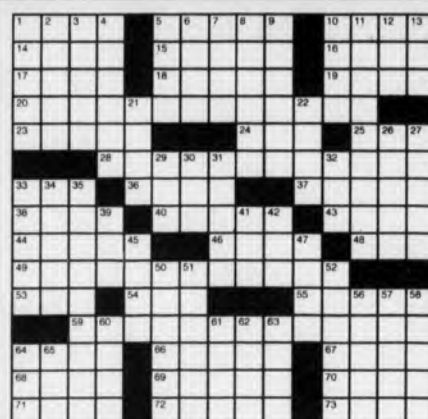
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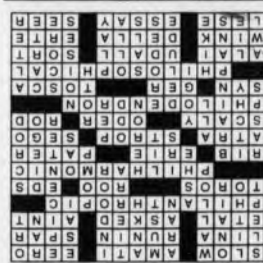
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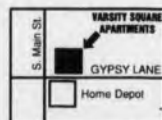
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